

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is an outrageous breach of Sinclair's obligation to serve the public interest.

Forcing stations to air a negative report on a candidate for the sole purpose of defeating him in order to protect Sinclair's financial interests is unethical. It is also unethical in that any "rebuttal" offered does not provide sufficiently unbiased reporting.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.